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COKE ADDS LIFE WITH \$1.3m



Under 19 youth leagues will be formed in all States as part of the Australian Soccer Federation's Coca-Cola youth development programme outlined in Sydney yesterday (Tuesday).

Under the programme, Coca-Cola Bottlers will give the ASF at least \$270,000 in cash over the next three years.

The total value of Coca-Cola's backing of youth soccer over this period will amount to at least \$1.3 million.

Mr Robert Patterson, Australian Development manager of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, handed a \$68,000 cheque to ASF president Sir Arthur George at the Hakoah Club yesterday as the contribution for the first year of the three-year programme.

Coke's State branches will spend about \$70,000 for back-up activities in the first year.

The ASF will get \$82,000 in cash and Coke branches will provide \$90,000 in back-up money during 1980.

In 1981, Coke will give the ASF at least \$120,000 in cash and a similar amount will be spent by Coca-Cola bottlers on back-up projects.

Coca-Cola will also spend at least \$600,000 on the finals of the FIFA World Youth Tournament to be staged in Australia in 1981. An extra \$200,000 will be spent on advertising, and other activities that will link Coca-Cola with the tournament.

The cash Coca-Cola will give to the ASF will be spent on:

- establishing permanent under 19 State squads;
- starting under 19 Coca-Cola youth leagues in each State, starting next year, to assist the development of a national under 19 team for the 1981 world youth championships;
- organising training camps for State youth squads in each capital city;
- Running training camps for the national under 19 squad;
- helping pay for the visit of national youth teams from overseas. The first visits will be by Uruguay in July and Yugoslavia in August;
- re-establishing a national schools competition to find the best school team in Australia;
- assisting the activities of the ASF's recently-appointed youth development officer, Mr Brian Emery.

The ASF will try to make sure that junior soccer at all levels is linked closely with the Coca-Cola trademark.

The sponsorship is in hard cash, unlike so many other sponsorships that are calculated perhaps on discounts or on how many insurance policies a club may sell.

- LAURIE SCHWAB

Many coaches don't know the basics —McKendry

By KYLE PATTERSON



The man of the moment, Len McKendry, gives instructions during a coaching session with the Victorian squad.

The high rate of coach sackings in Australian soccer doesn't surprise Len McKendry, the Victorian State coach.

McKendry believes many coaches are ill-prepared for coaching, and so it's inevitable they will not find success.

"Coaches take positions at all levels but many don't have the ability to deal with the simple problems. In any walk of life, you must be prepared for the job.

"Coaching is about making players better, but senior coaches, even at high-standard club level, don't know the basics.

"A coach must understand the basic principles that when a player has the ball you must work on how to support him, and when a player loses the ball, work must be done on how to support him to win it back."

McKendry is currently the most successful State coach in Australia. Victoria was unlucky to lose 0-1 to Wisla of Poland, but defeated South Australia 2-0. His next opponent is Norwich City on May 20.

McKendry obstinately disagrees with the common belief that a star player will automatically be a great coach once he has retired.

"Too many clubs take that approach," he said. "A player is often appointed as coach of a club as soon as his playing career is over.

"But nobody can become a good coach in a day, a week or a year. Even if a coach passes the best coaching courses, he must slowly learn how to use what he's been taught."

McKendry has an English F.A. coaching licence and is currently Victorian Director of Coaching under the Rothmans national coaching scheme.

He became a qualified

F.A. coach in 1973. He started working with juniors and later, studied in Europe before coming to Australia three years ago.

McKendry says national coach Rudi Gutendorf must attain success for the future of Australian soccer.

"Australia must reach the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982," he said. "Failure to do so would spell disaster.

"Many people say we haven't got the players but I don't believe that. Australia's population is the same as that of Holland and Hungary but both those countries are leading soccer nations.

"And then comes the old cry that soccer isn't the number one sport here. That's correct, but we do have the youngsters. The difference is Holland and Hungary have coaches to develop youngsters into top players, but Australia has not.

"That's the challenge Australia has. World Cup qualification would make the game bigger here and go a long way towards making us a good soccer nation."

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GUTENDORF HAILS SOCCEROOS BOOK

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has hailed "The Socceroos and their Opponents" as the finest Australian soccer publication yet.

The book is published by "Soccer Action."

"It astounds me that a book had never been written about the national team before," he said.

"But this one has been worth waiting for.

"I have seen few books about national teams overseas that can compare with this one.

"It is of great help to me as national coach, because the statistics included in the book are available nowhere else.

"It tells me exactly how many games each player has played for Australia, how many goals he has scored, how he played in each game. All this information is invaluable.

"It also gives me everything there is to know about the history of the national team, and what kind of influence each of my predecessors had. I recommend the book to everyone even remotely connected with soccer."

"The Socceroos and their Opponents" (see page 9) is on sale at newsagents.

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Kosmina's learned a lesson

John Kosmina has made mistakes. He admits it. His reputation has been tarnished, but he's going to change that. After all, that's why he is back in Australia.

Kosmina, 22, once of Polonia, West Adelaide, Adelaide City, Arsenal and now again of West Adelaide, reflected on his past and peered into the future in a frank interview.

He wants to entrench himself in the top echelon of Australian soccer, but more than anything else he wants to help Australia qualify for the 1982 World Cup.

"That is the ultimate," he says firmly. "It means more than winning the F.A. Cup."

When you're a big name like John Kosmina there will always be a minority which will attack you.

Adelaide City's Dixie Deans had the same problem last year when, in Deans' own words, malicious rumors started that "I was blind and finished as a player."

It is the sort of rumor that has hung like low level smog over Kosmina's career, its density increasing with his success.

The rumors have been widespread, intense, vitriolic and highly inventive.

Any person with average hearing has heard them.

Kosmina had been back in Australia for only a few days when the rumors began to circulate again.

Of course they are all utterly ridiculous, and Kosmina is not in the least concerned about them.

"I really don't give a damn," he says. "They are so absurd they really are laughable."

Like a swift pass, the interview switches to those admitted mistakes.

"Well, there was a time when my attitude and approach to the game wasn't what it should have been," he said.

Time is running out, but one last question — which match with Arsenal does he consider his best?

"The UEFA Cup tie with Highbury at Highbury was memorable," he says.

"We had lost 2-1 in Yugoslavia but won the return 1-0 to qualify."

"I played very well and it was a great feeling to do that in front of your home crowd."

But, I'm in Australia now and my immediate ambitions are to help keep West Adelaide at the top and score as many goals as I can."

"I didn't prepare myself mentally and I believed I could go on the ground and play without any serious mental preparation."

"I was too confident and brash and my game suffered because of it."

By MENO TOUTSIDIS



John Kosmina (right) pictured with Jimmy Rooney (centre, player of the year) and Rale Rasic (coach of the year) at the Australian Soccer Press Association award night in 1977. Kosmina was best under 21 player.

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JUNIORS' PROGRESS GLADDENS CEDO

Nothing gave Cedo Cirkovic more pleasure during his eight years as Footscray J.U.S.T. coach than the success of the young players who developed under him.

"It makes me feel good when I see young players who have worked with me playing well," Cirkovic said this week, after having resigned from the club he joined as a player in 1965.

"And when I see such young players being called up by the State or national coach, then that is my biggest reward."

The latest of his proteges who may achieve representative honors is utility player Zoran Ilioski, 20.

"He can make it and he deserves success," Cirkovic said. "It would pay Rudi Gutendorf to keep an eye on him."

Cirkovic hopes to continue helping young players.

"I would like to have a coaching session for juniors once a week at J.U.S.T.'s ground at Schindler Reserve in Footscray."

"I would invite all boys from local junior teams or local schools, and I would give my time free of charge."

"My aim would be to encourage skillful soccer and sportsmanship so that we get not only good players, but also good men."

Cirkovic spent all but one of his 14 seasons in Australia with J.U.S.T. In 1971 he became player-coach of Fitzroy-Alexander (Heidelberg) and, with the help of former J.U.S.T. players Vero Mladenovic and Milos Adamovic, he saved Alexander from relegation.

Alexander offered him its vacant coaching job last season, but he chose to remain loyal to J.U.S.T. although Alexander offered him a lot more money.

But last week Cirkovic finally stepped down, saying he wanted a rest from the pressures of coaching at top level.



Cedo Cirkovic (right) is congratulated by Theo Marmaras after being voted coach of the year for 1976 by the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

He gave everything to the job. Once, deep in thought about how he would organise the team for the next game, Cirkovic was coming down from his second floor apartment, carrying a rubbish bin which he intended to leave out for collection. As he got onto the bus to go to work, he wondered why the passengers were staring at him so strangely. He still had the rubbish bin in his hand!

Looking back over his many seasons as J.U.S.T. coach, Cirkovic agreed to name the best

eleven players who have played under him and also an "all-star" opposition chosen from among Victorian players.

The J.U.S.T. line-up is:

Jimmy Millszajevic — Andy Kazi, Jim Kriaric, Jim Kondarios, Zdravko Lujic — Zoran Ilioski, Joe Piccone, Frank Mlicic — mendo Ristovski, Slobodan Zorja, Branko Buljevic "Reserves" — Dennis Boland, Joe Palinkas.

Slobodan Lukic, Marjan Lopatic.

The opposition eleven is:

Jack Reilly (Alexander, Hellas) — Arthur McMillan (Alexander), Arthur Xanthopoulos (Hellas), Steve Walker (Hellas), Jim Tansey (Alexander) — Jimmy Mackay (Hellas), Jim Campbell (Alexander), Jimmy Rooney (Alexander) — Billy Vojtek (Croatia, Juventus), Jim Armstrong (Hellas), Gary Cole (Wilhelmina, Alexander).

Pocock Wests' coach

Ray Pocock has been appointed player-coach of Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs.

He replaced former South Melbourne Hellas star Jim Pyrgiolos, who has resigned for personal reasons.

Pyrgiolos won the 1971 Bill Fleming Medal as Victorian player of the year.

Pocock, former Victorian, NSW and Australian representative, was bought from Sunshine City earlier this year.



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Socceroos are not fit enough: Gutendorf

Australian players are not fit enough for international competition, Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf said this week.

He made this appraisal after the new Socceroos had spent a week in training at Dural in NSW.

"Their condition may be good enough for the Philips League, but it's not good enough to win games against professionals from overseas," Gutendorf said.

"I have told the boys to do additional training on their own or with their club to reach the required level of fitness. At the moment, it's far from good enough. Some of the players

are still slightly overweight and that is catastrophic to put it mildly."

The Socceroos will play against Newcastle KB Utd in Newcastle tonight (Wednesday).



Stuart Baxter (left) keeps an eye on Mark Jankovics.



Ken Boden of Newcastle turns in front of Ken Taylor (Heidelberg).

Gutendorf said he would use two separate teams, one in each half, to see as many players as possible.

He has added Footscray J.U.S.T.'s brilliant utility player Zdravko Lujic to the squad.

Lujic impressed Gutendorf during the match between an Australian-Yugoslav selection and a Socceroo combination at the Sydney Sports Ground last week.

The Yugoslavs won 4-2 in a match arranged to raise money for Yugoslav earthquake victims. Attendance was about 2500.

Gutendorf said he would also keep a close eye on Heidelberg's brilliant striker Branko Buljevic, one of the 1974 World Cup stars.

"He had an excellent game and is obviously a very talented footballer," Gutendorf said.

There were two injuries during the training camp. Stuart Baxter (South Melbourne) hurt his shoulder in a fall and Ken Boden (Newcastle) suffered a cut above the eye.

An Australian A team drew with an Australian B team 1-1 in a curtain-raiser to the Yugoslav charity match.

Gutendorf's assistant, Leo Baumgartner, said the best Socceroo players over the two matches were Tony Henderson, Ken Boden, Gary Cole, John Coyne, Tony Brennan, Joe Watson, Greg Woodhouse, John Yzendoorn, Eddie Krncevic, Stuart Baxter, and Peter Sharpe.

However, the Australians were not seen at their best because of the hard training they had been doing.

Goals in the 1-1 draw were scored by Joe Palinkas (Footscray) and Craig Hall (Sutherland) who came on as a substitute.

The Yugoslav selection was to have met the Australian under 19 team that played in Paraguay early this year but many of those players were unable to attend, so the team became a mixture of under 19 and senior players.

Cedo Cirikovic, who coached the Yugoslav combination, said:

"The boys played excellent soccer and they really enjoyed themselves. I also enjoyed myself. There was no pressure, which was a nice change after so long in league football." (Cirikovic resigned last week as coach of Footscray J.U.S.T.)

The Yugoslav combination led 4-1 before the Socceroos added their second goal.

"Joe Prskalo was really great in defence. He is a true professional. Lujic also had an excellent game, but to me the best player was probably young Iliiski. He was king in the middle. He worked quietly but he had complete control and his work rate is fantastic."



Branko Buljevic

"No-one singled him out for praise, but to me he is ready for any representative team."

Mendo Ristovski was also fantastic. Utjesenovic was excellent. Buljevic was deadly. Jovicic had a good game. Matic is a fine player and the two State League boys — Mihalovic and Djuricic didn't put a foot wrong either. Then there was goalkeeper Ciric. He plays in the J.U.S.T. second team but he also had an excellent game.

"We didn't put one single ball in the air, believe me. Everything was played on the ground. We had the opposition running around in circles."

"I felt sorry for Eddie Krncevic, he would run towards Prskalo, then Prskalo would push the ball to Utjesenovic. Eddie ran to Utjesenovic, and the ball went to Jovicic. He ran over there and Jovicic pushed to Lujic, and so it went on. However, Krncevic will be a top striker, a No. 1 player."

Branko Buljevic scored two goals for the Yugoslavs — the first and the fourth. Ristovski and Matic scored the other two.

Line-ups:
Australia 'a': Greg Woodhouse — Jim Kondarinos, Tony Henderson, Bill Sumner, Bob McPherson — Peter Raskopoulos, Ken Boden, Andu Boskias — Joe Watson, Gary Cole, Phil O'Connor.

Australia 'B': Martin Crook — John Coyne, Ian Howden, Steve O'Connor, Peter Brogan — Gary Byrne, John Stevenson, Bartle Mariani — Joe Palinkas, Tony Brennan, Peter Tredinnick.

UNDER 19 SENIOR COMBINATION: Greg Woodhouse — Ian Souness, John Yzendoorn, Stuart Baxter, Paul Degney — Peter Ketholes, Peter Boyle, Malcolm McClelland — Peter Sharpe, Eddie Krncevic, (Bartle Mariani), Graham Jennings.

AUSTRALIAN-YUGOSLAV X COMBINATION: Milutin Ciric (Footscray) — Doug Utjesenovic (St. George), Joe Prskalo (Marconi), Radoslav Jovicic (Footscray), Zdravko Lujic (Footscray) — Tom Mihalovic (Yugol), Zoran Iliiski (Footscray), Zoran Djuricic (Avala) — Zoran Matic, (St. George), Branko Buljevic (Heidelberg), Mendo Ristovski (Footscray).

Record bid at Waverley

Prahran College of Advanced Education will try to play the world's longest soccer game from May 14 to 16.

The record attempt will start at 6am on May 14 at Waverley City soccer ground, Sixth Avenue, Burwood.

The aim is to attract sponsors to subsidise Prahran students who are going to Perth for the national students intercollegiate games in August.

Restraint on trade is 'reasonable'

Much of the insecurity over soccer's transfer system was removed by a Supreme Court judgement handed down in Melbourne last week.

As part of his judgement on an action brought against the Victorian Soccer Federation and Essendon Croatia Soccer Club, by goalkeeper John Kennedy, Mr Justice Brooking said:

"The correct view is that any restraint on trade imposed by the constitution and rules of the Victorian Soccer Federation and its board of management, and any restraint on trade imposed by the contract between the player and Essendon Soccer Club are reasonable."

Mr Justice Brooking also said: "In my view the relevant restraints have been shown to afford no more than reasonable protection to the interests of the Federation and of Essendon."

Many players have threatened to test the transfer system in court on the grounds of restraint on trade. Kennedy's action was taken not on those grounds specifically, but the references in the judgement to the restraint on trade issue will serve as a precedent.

Kennedy's action was fought only over an order for costs after he withdrew a claim for compensation of wages lost during a period when Essendon's demand for a transfer fee allegedly kept him out of soccer.

In arguing that Kennedy was entitled to costs, Mr B. Phipps QC tried to establish there was fault on the defendants' side because they had allegedly imposed an unfair restraint on Kennedy's trade as a soccer player.

However, Mr Justice Brooking gave his judgement in favour of the VSF and Essendon, ruling that Kennedy would have to bear the defendants' costs.

Kennedy's action was against T. Maramaras, M. Weinstein, G. Wallace, and J. Dimtsis (the Federation) and J. Sigur, J. Solic, A. Smolic and F. Burtin (Essendon).

Mr Justice Brooking said that Kennedy applied to Essendon for a transfer to Frankston City in February, 1978. Essendon demanded a transfer fee of \$1500 for Kennedy.

He said Frankston had been willing to pay the \$1500, but Kennedy had advised Frankston not to pay, as he felt he could get away for nothing.

Mr Justice Brooking said he accepted evidence that discussions between Essendon and Kennedy about renewal of his contract ended abruptly and that Kennedy had been annoyed at Essendon's failure to re-engage him on the same terms.

Kennedy therefore wanted to see Essendon deprived of a transfer fee, Mr Justice Brooking said.

"The plaintiff would have been transferred from Essendon to Frankston had he not chosen to inter-meddle by saying to Gussenhoven (a Frankston official) that he would get away for nothing."

"The plaintiff acted in a way inconsistent with his professed attitude by intervening to suggest Frankston should not pay his fee."

Mr Justice Brooking said Kennedy had since transferred to Melbourne Soccer Club for a \$1000 transfer fee.

Mr Justice Brooking said that unlike the case of Eastham against Newcastle United in England, Kennedy was not asserting that he was dissatisfied with the transfer system in the way it affected professional or semi-professional players.

"He (Kennedy) said he resorted to litigation only to get a transfer from Essendon," Mr Justice Brooking said.

He added later: "If he had wanted the restraint on trade being considered, then one would not have expected the taking up of the position by the plaintiff regarding his transfer to Melbourne."

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Deans 7 (Marve Nyakohus 7, Kent 8).

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, McMillan 7, Tenney 7,
Bannon 6, Provan 7, Rooney 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 7,
Bozika 8, Cole 7, Buljevic 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 3 NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0.
Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS — Lowndes 8, Hermiston 9, Bennett 8,
Lawrie 8, Nivan 8, Spearritt 8 (Wilson, 88th), Ontong
7, Russell 7, Leazlo 7, Brennan 9, Hughes 7.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 8, Willia 8, Sum-
merscales 6, Drinkwater 6, Curran 7, Seddon 7, Cow-
burn 6 (Sankalaki 72nd), Tredinnick 6, Heys 6 (Jones
72nd), Boden 6, Endacott 7.

FOOTSCRAY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2. Ratings
by Laurie Schwab.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 8 — Ristic 8, Kondarios 9,
Iloaki 6, Hazabent 6 — Rujovic 6, (Todorovic 78th),
Piloane 5, Lujic 9 — Pallikas 6, Ollerton 5, Ristovski
6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 7 — Pye 8, Kalafa-
tidis 78, Baxter 8, Davidson 9 — Lutton 6, Wright 7,
Christopoulos 6 — Drakeford 6, Evans 7, Campbell 8.

MARCONI 3 BRISBANE CITY 3. Ratings by Knut
Werner.

MARCONI: Maher 6 — Berry 7, Brogan 7, Russell 7,
Degney 7 — Byrne 8, Henderson 8, Vieri 8 — Krnecvic
9, Mariani 9, Sharpe 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6 — Perry 7, (Brusasco, 6
half time), Ratcliffe 8, Potter 8, Tokes 7, Wilkinson 8,
— Gaffney 8, Echeverria 8, Pimblett 8 — Kelso 6, Low
8.

ST GEORGE 2 WEST ADELAIDE 0. Ratings by Alex
Veeal.

ST GEORGE: Coe 8, Harris 8, Utjesenovic 8.

Grosse 8, R. O'Shea 8, John O'Shea 8, Kathalos 9,
Gnani 6, Matic 7 (Cotton 48' — Henanman 74'), Morgan
6, O'Connor 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Tymczyszyn 8, Pan-
tearis 7, Koemina 7, Kambas 8, Jones 6, Boyle 8,
Pillans 6 (Zervas 7 — 45'), Norris 7, Honeyman 6,
Dooley 6 (McGregor 7 — 45').

SYDNEY CITY 2 APIA 3. Ratings by Tony Rachtl.
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7 — Souness 7, Thomson 7,
O'Connor 8, Bruce 8 — Campbell 8, Stevenson 7,
Barnes 7 — Watson 8, Smith 8, Silva 8.

APIA: Woodhouse 7 — McGinn 7, Wilson 8, Pullen
7, Turnbull 8 (Skellern 77th) — Carruthers 8, O'Don-
nell 7, Stone 7 — Butler 8, Reed 7, Rampard 8.

CANBERRA 1 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3. Ratings by
Peter Windoor.

CANBERRA: Hozzowald 6, Moulis 7, Milovanovic
8, Hogg 8, Brown 7, Stark 8, Salgado 6 (Kawaleva,
70th minute), Cant 7, (Gruljic 55th, 71), Davies 7,
Felding 7, Byrne 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meler 8, McIntosh 7, Palmer
7, Bell 8, Wilson 8, Leing 8, Raskopoulos 8, Almalie 8,
Rowden 7, Scott 7 (Eaton 63rd), Jennings 8.

Leading averages:
8.7 Boland (Footscray).
8.0 Jenkovic (Marconi).
7.8 Crook (WA).

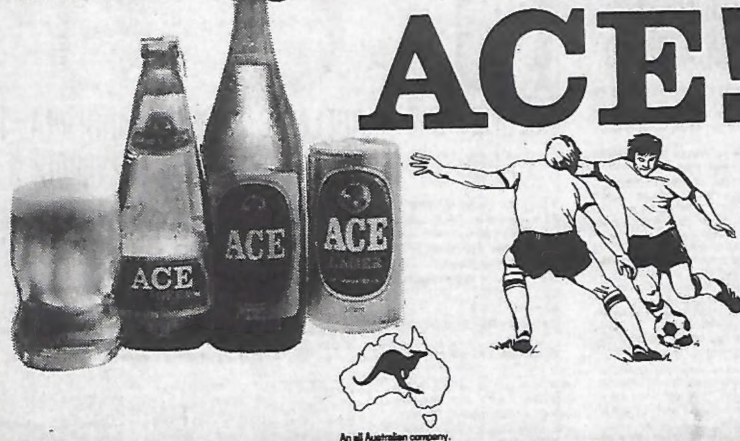
7.8 Muir (AC), Potter, Perry (BC), S. O'Connor
(SC), Meler (SC).

7.7 Deans (AC), Sharma (Marconi), Pye (SNN), Clarke,
Thomson (SC), Raskopoulos (SC).

7.6 Tokes (BC), Hamilton (BL), Stark (Can), G.
Byrne, Krnecvic (Marconi), Boyle (WA).

7.5 Rampard (APIA), Davies, Milovanovic (Can).
7.4 J. Nyakohus, Beal (AC), Turnbull (APIA), Gaf-
fney, Wilkinson (BC), Kondarios (Footscray), Henderson
(Marconi), Bruce (SC), Bell (SC).

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6. Krncevic (Mar), Low (BC).
5. Sharpe (Mar), Brennan (BLK).
4. Eaton (SO), Heya (Newc), Piskone (Foot).
3. J. Nyakohus (AC), Reed (APIA), T. Byrne (Can), Ristovski (Foot), Buljevic (H berg), Boden, Drinkwater (Newc), P. O'Connor, J. O'Shea (St G), Stevenson, Barnes (SC).



The Yugoslav combination that beat a Soccerroo selection 4-2 last week in a charity match for Yugoslav earthquake victims, standing from left: Kodor, Buljevic, Utjesenovic, Cirkovic (coach), Jovicic, Djuricic, Ciric, Mihajlovic. Front: Prkalo, Ristovski, Radovac, Lujic, Matic, Ilioski, Prgomelja. Buljevic, best on the ground, scored two goals, the others coming from Ristovski and Matic. Hall and Baxter scored for the Soccerroos. More on page 3. Picture by ALEX VESIC

Canberra gets Callaghan



Ian Callaghan

England's player of the year in 1973-74, Liverpool's veteran Ian Callaghan, has been signed by Canberra City. Callaghan is expected to arrive in Australia within the next fortnight. Canberra City's president, Charles Perkins, said that Dunlop Footwear had underwritten the cost of bringing Callaghan and his family to Australia. "We think Callaghan can do great things for Canberra City," said Perkins. "Most of all we believe he will make as well as get goals and that's what City needs." Callaghan is a legend to Merseyside soccer fans in the UK. He played a phenomenal 850 times for Liverpool. Because of his great service, Callaghan was given a free transfer to Third Division side Swansea a season ago. Now Swansea has gained promotion to the second division. Said Perkins: "At 37, Callaghan is still fit and we hope he will make his future in Australia."

Youth titles start

The national under 18 championships kick off in Melbourne at Monash University on Monday (May 14). The eight States and territories have been divided into two groups. They are: GROUP A - A.C.T., South Australia, Western Australia and Northern N.S.W. GROUP B - Victoria, N.S.W., Queensland and Tasmania. The semi-finals will be played under lights at Olympic Park on Thursday, May 17 and the final at the same venue under lights on Friday May 18. "SOCCER ACTION" will cover the youth championships, which are being sponsored by Coca Cola.

Victorian clubs busy

Heidelberg and Footscray will each play twice within four days because their Philips Cup match has been scheduled for next Wednesday.

The Cup match between the local rivals has to be played mid-week at Olympic Park because the weekend of May 19-20 is reserved for Victoria's clash with Norwich City.

Richards' big day

Ray Richards faces one of the biggest challenges of his soccer career when he returns to his old stamping ground, Marconi Oval, on Sunday.

It was at Marconi that the man of the long throw became a soccer giant. He was in the team when it won promotion to the NSW First Division and he was a Marconi player during his glorious international career. He was even player-coach of Marconi. Richards disappeared from the Marconi team last year after a row with the then coach, Rale Rasic, and transferred to APIA after some pre-season training with Marconi this year.

On Sunday, he will confront Marconi as the new coach of APIA, having replaced Jim Adam who resigned on Saturday.

Marconi is on top of the ladder, with the highest goals tally in the league. APIA is on a winning streak and if Richards can inspire his new team to a victory over his old team, his job as "temporary" coach will almost certainly become a permanent appointment.

APIA hopes to have English striker Elwyn Roberts cleared for the match and Marconi hopes that Mark Jankovic will have recovered from injury. Ivo Prkalo is back after suspension. Adam said this week he was grateful to the APIA club and to president Nick Papallo for the support they had given him.

"APIA is an excellent club that deserves to be successful," Adam said. "The players are all of excellent character, particularly Peter Wilson who has been of tremendous help in stabilising the team."

The addition of Jim Dempsey from Hamilton Academicals and Elwyn Roberts from Bradford will further strengthen the team.

"The foundations have been laid and I am confident APIA will go on to finish in the top four."

Papallo said: "There are now no transfer requests from players." Soccerroo Peter Stone had requested a transfer but Jim Adam denied that. Wilson had also sought a move.

Canberra City, delighted at the signing of former Liverpool ace Ian Callaghan, travels to Melbourne on Sunday, determined to make amends for its loss to Sydney Olympic last weekend.

Canberra beat Heidelberg last year but the Melbourne team is better than its standing on the ladder may suggest.

The defence held Adelaide City scoreless until mid-way through the second half before losing 0-2 last weekend, and Andy Botkins created a lot of problems for Jim Muir and his men.

Canberra's defence is not as strong as Adelaide City's so Heidelberg fans are hoping that Branko Buljevic, Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Botkins realise their goalkeeping potential at last.

The West Adelaide v Footscray match is virtually a fight for survival. Despite the presence of \$40,000 striker John Koenigs from Arsenal, West Adelaide has scored only five goals all season.

Footscray's defence has been one of the most vulnerable in the league, so if West Adelaide doesn't score on Sunday, it may never score again! But Footscray will be just as desperate, for if it doesn't start winning again soon, it may find itself falling closer and closer to the bottom of the ladder as South Melbourne, Brisbane Lions and St. George improve.

Footscray looked much better last year when it played a disciplined counter-attack game based on Joe Patinos, Mando Ristovski and Joe Piskone. Footscray would drop back, allow the opponents to advance, then strike like a cobra. A return to that style would probably serve Footscray best.

South Melbourne has notched two wins out of three games under new coach Duncan McKay but despite the fine form of Alan Davidson and the other defenders, Helia's winning run is likely to be ended by Adelaide City at Middle Park on Sunday.

Boasting the most efficient defence in the league - it hasn't conceded a goal for five weeks - Adelaide City plays the counter-attack game which was Footscray's trademark last year.

Big Jim Muir is the outstanding stopper in the league. John Best has re-emerged as an intelligent sweeper after his career had appeared to be over and coach Rasic has transformed Brian Dods from a winger into a fast, aggressive, overlapping right back. The virtues of left back Burgi Nyakohus are well known to all. Against this back four, reinforced by the retraining midfield, even the great Alan Evans will find it difficult to break through.

Helia has been negotiating for a few Victorian State League players, including striker George McMillan of Preston Macedonia. If the negotiations are successful, we may see at least one new face in the Helia line-up on Sunday.

Newcastle KB United has fallen on hard times but coach Alan Vest will have his players revved up and determined to make amends for two successive losses when they meet Sydney City at the International Sports Centre on Saturday.

Bill Summerscales and Roy Drinkwater will have to mark more tightly than they did last Sunday when Tony Brennan managed a hat-trick for Brisbane Lions. Terry Smith, equal top scorer in the league, is even more deadly than Brennan and will sink Newcastle single-handedly if given half a chance.

St. George, spirits lifted by new coach Raul Blanco, faces a tough game against Brisbane City, and may have to wait a week before resuming its climb up the ladder. Sydney Olympic finally won again last weekend and, providing it can control new Soccerroo Tony Brennan, and shackle the creativity of Jim Hermon, it should notch another win against Brisbane Lions at Pratten Park on Sunday. -LAURIE SCHWAB

This week's Philips League games, with likely winners in capitals:
IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB Utd v SYDNEY CITY, International Sports Centre, Saturday, 2.30 pm.

IN SYDNEY
APIA-Leichhardt v MARCONI, Wentworth Park, Sunday, 3 pm
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Brisbane Lions, Pratten Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
South Melbourne v ADELAIDE CITY, Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm
HEIDELBERG UTD v Canberra, Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v Footscray (draw), Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE CITY v St George, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm

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MARCONI 3
BRISB. C. 3

Scorers: Marconi: Krncovic 2, Mariani; Brisbane City: Low 2, Gaffney.
Ground: Marconi Oval.
Crowd: 1575

Philips League leader Marconi threw away a precious point against Brisbane City at Marconi Stadium.

After taking a 3-1 lead by half-time Marconi relaxed in the second half allowing City to fight back and get the equaliser.

On the attack from the outset, Marconi seemed set for a big win as they completely outplayed City.

In the eighth minute teenage striker Eddie Krncovic put them in front when he smashed the ball into the net from 10 metres from a pass by Mike Bern.

Four minutes later Krncovic was unlucky not to score again when his low over the keeper's head was cleared by City defender Steve Perry.

Against the run of play Brisbane City equalised when Billy Wilkinson on the wing sent a through pass into the goal mouth for Kevin Low to score from five metres out.

However Marconi took the upper hand and Bertie Mariani put them ahead again in the 30th minute with a superb header from a pass by Paul Degney.

Krncovic put Marconi further ahead in the 36th minute with a cannon-ball shot from 20 metres, giving the goalkeeper no chance to save.

Poor finishing cost Marconi two quick goals after the interval, in each case involving Krncovic.

Off the hook from these two misses, City hit back strongly in the 77th minute.

First Larry Gaffney raced through to score a goal from close range which the referee allowed after consultation with the linesman.

Then, 20 seconds later, Kevin Low put the ball into the net for the equaliser after Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher had spilled a back-pass from Roberto Vieri.

Marconi hit back again towards the end of the game but the points were lost as City stacked its defence.



Gerry Chaldi

Gutendorf
angers
Chaldi

Sydney City coach Gerry Chaldi has reacted angrily to Rudi Gutendorf's claim that PSL players are not fit enough (see page 3).

Chaldi, the 1978 Coach of the Year, described Gutendorf's remarks as "totally and completely unfair".

"Club coaches will help Rudi with pleasure because they all want to see a good national team," Chaldi said.

However, if he has complaints about players' fitness, he should contact the coaches like he did at the outset of his appointment, and talk things over with them.

"It is very disturbing to see him rush into print without in any way consulting with the coaches. That is not the way to foster a good understanding between him and the club coaches who all have the same aim — to make Australia competitive at international level."

Chaldi said Gutendorf should be aware that club coaches try to do their best under circumstances completely different to those enjoyed by Gutendorf when he takes players into a full-time training camp.

He added PSL coaches had their players in training only three nights a week on the average for only a few hours at a time.

"It should also be remembered that when the players arrive at training sessions they already have done a full day's work in their respective jobs," Chaldi said.

— PETER SCOTT

Soviet victory

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union beat Czechoslovakia 3-0 in their friendly international here.

Half-time score was 2-0. Scorers: Kuznetsov, Shergin and Khokhlov.

Laurie Schwab

FOOTSCRAY 0
STH MELB 2

Scorers: Lutton 14th., Wright 50th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Warm and sunny.
Crowd: 7050.

Referee: Barmbridge 8
Cautions: Rujcic (F), Kalafatis (SM).

This was not particularly inspiring stuff but for South Melbourne Hellas supporters it was at least encouraging.

The back four — especially left back Alan Davidson — played exceptionally well, but then the Footscray J.U.S.T. attack didn't take much beating.

Peter Ollerton was easy meat for Stuart Baxter, and Joe Palankas and Mendo Ristovski did not add much of a threat either.

Palankas, usually J.U.S.T.'s main avenue of attack due to his great speed, found Davidson just as fast, but then Palankas did not have as many flank runs as usual.

He is not serious when he speeds away on through balls but in this game he strayed from his wing, his crosses were predictable and he was never dangerous.

However, Ristovski looked a little better than he had in previous games and may be on his way back to top form.

Hellas left a lot to be desired in midfield, although Sammy Wright showed greater commitment.

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Alex Vesic

ST. GEORGE 2
W. ADEL. 0

Ground: St George Stadium
Attendance: 1768
Referee: Tim Davies 8
Goals: John O'Shea, O'Connor (SG)

"There was a lot of spirit in this team and this is the secret formula for our win," said an elated Raul Blanco after St George had notched its second win of the season and given its new coach the appropriate welcome to the Philips League.

And Blanco was correct. That defence that used to crack so easily in previous games never gave up. With Harris, Grosse and Robert O'Shea fighting for every ball and the cool, composed picking up the loose ball as well as an attacker, St George built a formidable wall for the skillful and fast forwards of West Adelaide.

Only once during the entire 90 minutes did the visitors crack the home side's defence and on that occasion John Kosmina failed to convert from less than seven metres following a good cross by Graham Honeyman.

It was in the 67th minute that St George was leading 2-0 at the time.

The game went strictly "against the wind". Playing against a moderate easterly breeze, St George played better football in the first half to race to a 2-0 lead but failed to achieve the same superiority with the wind at its back in the second half. In fact it was all West Adelaide in the second half, with St George defending and rarely venturing into the opponents' half.

Despite the bright opening by St George, West Adelaide was the first to create a chance that fell to Norris. With Martin Coe and Norris chasing, Norris got to the ball first but only fractionally, giving Coe a good chance to block the shot. 10; with 20 minutes gone, St George forced a corner. A long floating cross from the right was partially cleared, the ball rolling outside the box to the feet of Johnny O'Shea.

O'Shea wasted no time in slamming a great shot just inside the post to give his team the lead.

2-0. Four minutes later St George gave its president, Alex Pongrass two reasons to smile. It was a great move by two of St George's fast forwards and also as goal that sealed the win for the Saints. Phil O'Connor, the new Soccerro, the man who formerly took both fullbacks in this game, decided to go infield before crossing the ball for Stefan Matic some 35 metres from goal and close to the heavily defended goal.

Matic returned the favour by slotting the ball behind two defenders for O'Connor to pick up, then easily beat David Jones before hitting a low drive just inside the post.

St George came close to picking up an extra point towards the end of the first half with a couple of chances that were wasted.

Peter Katholos, a young man who had a busy week, showed great anticipation in the 31st minute to race into the area before picking up an accurate pass by O'Connor. With Martin Crook to beat, Katholos was a fraction too wide to seriously challenge the goalkeeper.

His shot was hard and on target but a reflex save by Crook kept the ball out.

The second half opened with a good over from fullback Willis and Seddon hammered a long shot just over the bar.

Heys almost scored direct from a corner and Lions made things hard for themselves when a loose ball came away from free kicks needlessly near the box.

St Seddon showed little imagination to capitalise.

Brennan made it 2-0 for Lions under most unusual circumstances in the 65th minute, when he linked up with Hermonion on the right and crossed onto the penalty spot.

The ball was cleared straight back to Brennan, who pumped it into the back of the net through the arms of Dando.

Two minutes later, Hughes lunged forward to head a loose ball back across wide, then United hit back after a long break but Boden's long range effort was easily saved by Lownds.

Curran sent Endacott flashing back the left touchline and he cut in well and crossed perfectly from the backline but the Lions' goalmouth was empty.

That was the end of the United initiative and it remained for Brennan to add his third, seven minutes from time, following another Hermonion sprint down the right.

The cross cleared the United backline and Brennan positioned himself and finished off via the right hand upright.

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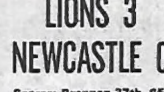
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Bruce Waddell

LIONS 3
NEWCASTLE 0

Scorer: Brennan 37th, 65th, 83rd.
Ground: Perry Park.
Weather: Clear after showers.

Referee: Peter Rampley 10.
Cautions: Nil.

National squad strike Tony Brennan produced the first Queensland hat-trick of the season when his great finish helped Brisbane Lions crush Newcastle KB United 3-0.

It was only Newcastle's second defeat and they are obviously in the middle of a drastic form slump, although, on recent form, Lions seemed hardly the team to inflict further punishment.

But a few team changes completely changed Lions outlook.

It must be remembered that although the Lions had not won for some time, they had been going down by the odd goal in most of their games.

Jan Lawrie played sweeper alongside Col Bennett, enabling Jim Hermonion to switch out to rightback and what a difference it made to Lions' attack, with the Scotsman playing a leading role in Brennan's second and third goals.

Paul Ontong lifted the Lions midfield with John Russell but Newcastle, overall, were grossly disappointing and the little headway up front against the Lawrie-Bennett combination.

Kenny Boden had a disappointing match, yet he did manage to look dangerous on the fleeting occasions Newcastle threatened.

United's hardest trier up front was tall Neil Endacott, who played on the wing.

United's boom winger Graham Heys also produced little and was replaced in the second half.

United looked more dangerous of the two sides early and Boden set up a good chance in the fifth minute but young Brett Cowburn took too long to control the pass on the left wing.

In the 16th minute, Ian Seddon pushed Boden through a gap and his eventual shot, after linking through, was cleared off the line by leftback Alan Niven.

It was by far the best game seen in Sydney for a long time.

It was a pity the crowd was not bigger, owing to the fact that it rained on and off all week.

APIA were given little hope of beating the well-drilled City outfit.

Lanky City striker Terry Smith opened the scoring with an overhead kick inside the box, finishing off a move started by Emie Campbell and Murray Barnes 15m into their own territory.

But APIA fought back strongly and grabbed a deserved equaliser in the 19th minute.

Peter Wilson started the move which led to the goal when from inside his own penalty area, he pushed the ball to Peter Stone.

Stone beat two players before serving a pass to Ross Rampant on the right.

Rampant made a lot of ground before slipping the ball to Ken Reed who headed home from two metres.

APIA took the lead in the 53rd minute when Eric Carruthers was forced back towards the left corner flag, but somehow he managed to beat the defence and fire a pass to Reed, who once again headed into goal.

In the 76th minute, Smith equalised for City when he outjumped the defence to head home a cross from defender Ian Bruce to notch his eighth goal of the season.

The goal looked offside, with referee Richard Lorenc overruling his linesman, who had his flag up for close to 30 seconds.

Carruthers notched the winning goal in the last minute with an unstoppable 25m drive which left Clarke groping.

A fair result would have been a draw, as the quality of the game was high considering the mud and slush conditions the players had to play in.

APIA achieved their win by reducing the brilliance of Joe Watson and Hilton Silva on the left touchline and he cut in well and crossed perfectly from the backline but the Lions' goalmouth was empty.

Tony Raciti

SYDNEY C.2
APIA 3

Scorers: Reed 21st and 55th mins (APIA), Carruthers 89th min (APIA), Smith 6th and 79th mins (Sydney City)
Ground: Wentworth Park
Crowd: 2835
Referee: Richard Lorenc

Weather: rained all day. The Ray Richards coaching job or bring in an outsider. That's the decision facing APJA's board of directors following their side's thrilling 3-2 win over title-chasing Sydney City.

Richards was appointed coach at APJA just four days before the game. Jim Adam and APJA had parted company by mutual consent.

APJA president Nick Pappallo said the club would not be rushing to secure a new coach.

At this stage, we'll just wait and see what comes up," he said. "We have not ruled Ray out by any means."

Richards was honest after the game when he admitted he would dearly like the position.

"APJA is a great club with tremendous crowd support behind them at every game," he said.

"Their tradition is hard to beat by any other club in the country."

As for the game itself, Sydney City and APJA turned out on a performance that can only be described as scintillating.

It was by far the best game seen in Sydney for a long time.

It was a pity the crowd was not bigger, owing to the fact that it rained on and off all week.

APIA were given little hope of beating the well-drilled City outfit.

Lanky City striker Terry Smith opened the scoring with an overhead kick inside the box, finishing off a move started by Emie Campbell and Murray Barnes 15m into their own territory.

But APIA fought back strongly and grabbed a deserved equaliser in the 19th minute.

Peter Wilson started the move which led to the goal when from inside his own penalty area, he pushed the ball to Peter Stone.

Stone beat two players before serving a pass to Ross Rampant on the right.

Rampant made a lot of ground before slipping the ball to Ken Reed who headed home from two metres.

APIA took the lead in the 53rd minute when Eric Carruthers was forced back towards the left corner flag, but somehow he managed to beat the defence and fire a pass to Reed, who once again headed into goal.

In the 76th minute, Smith equalised for City when he outjumped the defence to head home a cross from defender Ian Bruce to notch his eighth goal of the season.

The goal looked offside, with referee Richard Lorenc overruling his linesman, who had his flag up for close to 30 seconds.

Carruthers notched the winning goal in the last minute with an unstoppable 25m drive which left Clarke groping.

A fair result would have been a draw, as the quality of the game was high considering the mud and slush conditions the players had to play in.

APIA achieved their win by reducing the brilliance of Joe Watson and Hilton Silva on the left touchline and he cut in well and crossed perfectly from the backline but the Lions' goalmouth was empty.

That was the end of the United initiative and it remained for Brennan to add his third, seven minutes from time, following another Hermonion sprint down the right.

The cross cleared the United backline and Brennan positioned himself and finished off via the right hand upright.

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ADELAIDE C. 2
HEIDELBERG 0

Goals: Perin 63, Muniz 82
Ground: Olympic Sports Field
Crowd: 4,620
Weather: Cool
Cautions: Desir (Adelaide City) McMillan (Heidelberg)

Adelaide City continued its drive up the Philips League table with a spirited 2-0 victory over Heidelberg at Olympic Sports Field.

Rale Rasic's raiders punished Heidelberg with two brilliant second half goals which has a touch of class about them.

The win put City within striking distance of the leaders and certainly City played so efficiently that it must be considered a title contender.

The reason for the success lies on the broad shoulders of elegant Jimbo Muir.

Muir has been faultless in the past few matches and he is certainly one of the key figures in this Adelaide City side at the moment.

The story for Heidelberg has been bright. But it could have been better.

Heidelberg was composed and confident for the first 45 minutes with Adrew Bozakis, Branko Buljevic and Gary Cole all looking menacing.

But some poor finishing, particularly in the second half proved costly.

Jimmy Rooney, who has been unable to recapture the form which made him Australia's top midfielder, had another quiet game although there were moments in which he showed his class.

Heidelberg was pinning its hopes on breakaways and almost scored from one of them in the first minute.

Buljevic intercepted a bad City cross and headed to Cole who stormed upfield and slipped the ball across the goalmouth but the chance was not accepted.

Both sides spent the first 15 minutes looking for weaknesses and it wasn't until the 18th minute that the game lived up.

Bozakis, who justified Rudi Gutendorf's faith in him, split City's defence in the 30th minute with a penetrating left flank run and squared the ball to Ken Taylor whose first time blast was blocked by Peter Marshall.

Bozakis figured in another good move in the 50th minute but just when he looked like scoring he was busted off the ball.

Three minutes later City struck the first blow and what a simple but classy goal it was.

Perin took one stride before hitting a scorching 25 metre ground shot which rocketed into the bottom corner.

Its second goal came in the 82nd minute when John Nyskohus slipped the ball to Muniz who hit a delicate back-heeler past Banovic.

City plays South Melbourne on Sunday in what should be a great clash.

Scottish final

Squads for the Scottish Cup final between Rangers and Hibernian on May 12 at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

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Peter Windsor

CANBERRA 1
OLYMPIC 3

Goals: Olympic — Wilson 36th, Jennings 81st, Eaton 87th, Canberra — Grylls 84th pen.
Ground: Bruce Stadium, Canberra.
Referee: Mr David Nugent, Brisbane 8.
Crowd: 5000
Cautions: Laing and Palmer, yellow cards

Weather: Overcast, cold. In soccer — as in every sport — one week you could be over the moon, the next in the depths of despair.

Last weekend it was Canberra City's turn for the treatment — the jeers and heckles of the crowd, and the humiliation of defeat after expecting an easy victory.

Canberra City was humiliated by Sydney Olympic, which won 3-1.

Peters will play with Norwich after all

Victorian club Frankston City may ask the Australian Soccer Federation for compensation because of last-minute changes to Norwich City's tour of Australia.

The A.S.F. considered calling off the tour when it learned star player Martin Peters would be playing for

Frankston City and not Norwich during the club's visit.

In order to save the tour, Peters, with the blessing of Frankston City, agreed to play with Norwich.

Peters agreed in January to play guest games with Frankston City and had no intentions of joining Norwich for its tour of New Zealand and five Australian States.

Because of that, Frankston City is paying air fares for Peters, his wife and two children, accommodation costs, appearance fees and insurance costs.

Frankston secretary Les Smith said his club was entitled to ask the A.S.F. to pay a share of the costs now that Peters is playing for Norwich.

"Frankston signed Peters up long before the Norwich tour was finalised," he said. "In fact, it was Frankston that let the A.S.F. know (through the V.S.F.) that Norwich was interested in touring."

Smith added that a lot of glamour had been taken away from Peters' stay with Frankston because he will now be playing with Norwich.

The club planned promotions to get people down to Frankston to see Martin in action," said Les. "But now he'll be seen against Victoria, and in several other States."

Peters will play for Norwich against South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Newcastle KB Utd.

He will not play against Western Australia and Queensland because of the travel involved from Melbourne, where he is based.

Peters has a right to be upset by the A.S.F.'s demands. He will now have to play six games in 14 days, which will take a toll on the 35-year-old star.

Peters' hectic schedule includes: May 13 Frankston v Croydon City, May 16 Norwich v South Australia in Adelaide, May 20 Norwich v Victoria in Melbourne, May 24 Norwich v Newcastle KB Utd in Newcastle, May 26 Frankston v Prahran Slavia, May 27 Norwich v New South Wales in Sydney.

Peters will play several other games for Frankston after the Norwich tour, which kicks off in Auckland, New Zealand on May 10.



Alan Davidson

McKendry adds Davidson

South Melbourne's brilliant youth international Alan Davidson has been added to the Victorian squad to meet Norwich City at Olympic Park on May 20.

State coach Len McKendry added Davidson after seeing his excellent performances in recent matches.

The Victorian squad is: **GOALKEEPERS:** Yakka Banovic (Heidelberg), Peter Laumets (St Melb).

DEFENDERS: John Zenden (Slavia), Steve Kokoska, Steve Short (Crotia), Jim Tansey (Heidelberg).

MIDFIELDERS: John Gardiner (Croatia), Joe Tront (Croydon), Jimmy Rooney (Heidelberg), Alan Davidson (St Melb).

FORWARDS: Jim Williams, Jamie Patron (Slavia), Gary Cole (Heidelberg), Carl Gilder (Croatia) 1.

3 clubs to make up NSW

The NSW team to meet Norwich City in Sydney on May 27 will be made up of players from Sydney City and Marconi, with APIA's Greg Woodhouse in goal.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will coach the team.

"I have decided to use players from only two clubs to ensure the best team work possible under the circumstances," he said.

"I was happy to agree to the NSW Federation's request that I should coach the team, because it gives me the opportunity to see some of the national players in a difficult match against overseas opposition."

The likely team is: Greg Woodhouse — Ian Souness, Tony Henderson, Steve O'Connor, Paul Degney — Gary Byrne, John Stevenson, Eddie Krncevic — Joe Watson, Mark Janovics, Peter Sharpe.

Kolecki only 'outsider'

Midfielder Henry Kolecki of Polonia is the only non-PSL player in the South Australian squad to meet Norwich City on May 16.

State coach Edmund Kretz has chosen the following selection:

GOALKEEPERS: Martyn Crook (W. Ad.), Peter Marshall (Ad. C).

DEFENDERS: Barry Reynolds, David Jones (W. Ad.), M. Jim Muir, Bugsey Nyskohus (Ad. C).

MIDFIELDERS: Henry Kolecki (Polonia), Peter Boyle, Graham Honeyman (W. Ad.), Agenor Muniz, Brian Northcote, John Perin (Ad. C).

FORWARDS: John Kosmina, Ian McGregor (W. Ad.), John Nyskohus, Dixie Deans (Ad. C).

Martyn Crook — a 'natural'



MIKE JOHNSON

I choice, is only 23 (Fraser is 21, Laumets 22 and Woodhouse 19).

When I joined West Adelaide in 1977 I had heard that Crook was an outstanding prospect who had been injured for much of the previous season.

To play safe I took Sutherland's proven goalkeeper, Malcolm Haynes down to Adelaide with me.

This was a mistake because Crook proved an exception to much of what I have written above.

Despite not having received much structured coaching and despite playing his earlier soccer at a low level, he had calm confidence and good judgement about when to leave his line which added to his tremendous reflexes, produced a good 'keeper' even at that early stage.

He is a quiet boy who still does not give enough advice to his back four. He is also still a little suspect on crosses, though he punches very well indeed.

First there is the technique. That is the quickest to acquire. What takes time to master is when to catch and when to punch, what angles to take up as attackers approach, how to maintain full concentration for 90 minutes, how to assist and direct your defence by calling instructions, when to come out and when to stay on the line, how to start attacks with good throws to the correct team mate.

All these, plus the development of mental and physical toughness are not acquired overnight, even by the young genius with lightning reflexes.

This is the reason that Maclaren preferred Jack Reilly to Peter Laumets and in part why Jim Adam preferred the experienced Dave McGuire to Greg Woodhouse, and why Gerry Chalid reinstated Todd Clarke ahead of young find Tony Pezzano.

Gelei used the same reasoning to prefer experienced Martin Crook to bright young talent and new signing, Mike Fraser.

Rudi Gutendorf has come out in print and said that he prefers experience in goal.

However, here is the irony of it all. Martyn Crook, Gutendorf's No.



JOE GELEI

He is being assisted and developed by an experienced goalkeeper, Sam Service, his friend and mentor as well as deputy goalkeeper at West Adelaide.

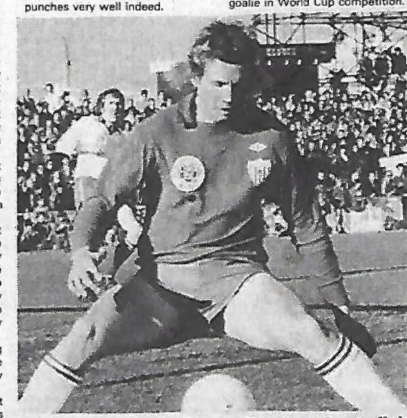
However no-one, save perhaps his parents, gave to Crook the calm demeanor and quiet confidence which assist the West Adelaide defence when he is between the sticks.

That is a natural thing which can take others years to develop.

It is the reason he currently has the nod over all other contenders for the vital position of national goalkeeper in our coming World Cup bid.

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West Adelaide's Martyn Crook — Australia's No. 1 goalkeeper.

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JORDAN OR RITCHIE?

Tough choice for FA Cup final

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Success in Saturday's F.A. Cup final will be the finest achievement in a new era for Manchester United under the astute managership of Dave Sexton.

If United defeats Arsenal, Sexton will finally win over the Manchester fans, who have watched patiently while he gave the famous club a facelift.

In short, Sexton has mellowed the once-flamboyant Manchester Utd, which was a highly-dangerous undertaking.

Dangerous because in the past decade United's fans have seen some brilliant individuals, Best, Law and Charlton — among them.

These skilful magicians were a trademark of Manchester Utd. Yet, when Sexton sold ace winger Gordon Hill to Derby County not long after joining the club, the fans were shocked. Hill was the nearest they had come to seeing a new Best, Law or Charlton, and suddenly he was gone.

Gerry Daly, a skilful midfielder, was also sold to Derby County.

As well as individuals leaving the club, so did the brash on-field style preached by Sexton's predecessor Tommy Docherty.

Sexton is an avid fan of continental football. He admired and studied the Dutch and West Germans and this influence has had a big bearing on Utd.

Manchester Utd is no longer a team containing brilliant individuals. The club has some great players, but they play more like a continental team than any other United combination.

Sexton's only concession to the fans was the buying of Welsh winger Micky Thomas who is in the mould of Hill.

But generally speaking, United is a more controlled team than the one which took the field against Liverpool in the 1977 FA Cup final.

Arsenal returns to Wembley with bitter memories. Last year's final against Ipswich Town was

forgettable for Arsenal this time. No team that has returned to Wembley the year after a defeat and lost.

Arsenal's reputation was smeared a little at Wembley last season and manager Terry Neil is sure to use this to spur his players on.

The final should be a classic, as Arsenal and Manchester Utd are two of the most famous and powerful clubs in Britain.

Let's take a look at the teams —

MANCHESTER UTD

Gary Bailey — Bailey is a youngster who broke into the side only this season. He was third choice behind Alex Stepney and Paddy Roche, but won a place when Stepney retired and Roche lost form. Even then, Sexton wasn't sure about Bailey and rumours suggested that Argentina World Cup goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol would join Manchester.

However, Bailey secured his place with brilliant and consistent form.

Jimmy Nicholl — Capped for Northern Ireland and is noted for his aggressive play from full back.

Arthur Albiston — Won the left back spot from Stuart Houston last season and has held his place. He likes to join in the attack.

Gordon McQueen — McQueen transferred from Leeds Utd for 500,000 pounds. He has represented Scotland many times, and played in the World Cup. Has great ability in the air and is dangerous when joining the attack for set-piece plays. A tough



Manchester United's 1977 FA Cup-winning team. Standing (left to right) — Jimmy Nicholl, Arthur Albiston, official, Tommy Cavanagh (trainer), David McCreary, Martin Buchan, Laurie Brown (coach), Tommy Docherty (manager). Middle row — Brian Greenhoff, Jimmy Greenhoff, Alex Stepney. Front — Stuart Pearson, Sammy McLroy, Steve Coppell, Lou Macari, Gordon Hill.

tackler, McQueen is well over six feet tall.

Martin Buchan — One of the longest serving players in the current squad. He joined Utd from Aberdeen, and has represented Scotland many times. He plays sweeper behind McQueen.

Sammy McLroy — Plays in midfield and is quick and agile. Has been with Utd for several years.

Lou Macari — Joined Manchester from Glasgow Celtic and is a spirited fighter in midfield. Has represented Scotland.

Brian Greenhoff — Missed Utd's semi-final against Liverpool because of injury and was replaced by Macari. He used to play centre half, the position in which he won England selection. Has played in midfield since McQueen's arrival.

Jimmy Greenhoff — One of the most under-rated strikers in Britain. Played for Stoke for many years before joining his brother Brian at Utd. Many people saw this as a strange move because of Greenhoff's age but he is playing better than ever.

Joe Jordan — A man-mountain in attack. His strength is his ability in the air and his frightening physical power. Joined Utd from Leeds in a 500,000 pounds deal, and has represented Scotland in two World Cups.

Andy Ritchie — Ritchie burst into the first team with a flurry of goals, and is pushing Jordan for his place. An agile striker, Ritchie will develop into one of Manchester's stars.

Steve Coppell — Came from the obscurity of Third Division football with Tranmere, and has

been an instant success with Manchester Utd. Has been with the club several years, during which time he won England honours. A winger, he has a tremendously high work rate, and will worry Arsenal.

Micky Thomas — A small tricky winger who was bought from Welsh club Wrexham. Plays mostly on the left side, where his pace and ball skills worry all defenders.

ARSENAL

Pat Jennings — Possibly the best goalkeeper in Britain behind Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence. The Northern Ireland international is making mockery of Spurs, which gave him away two seasons ago. Spurs was promptly relegated and Jennings showed brilliant form.

Pet Rice — Experienced full back, having played many international games with Northern Ireland. A tenacious tackler, Rice is dangerous when he goes on overlapping runs.

Sammy Nelson — Arsenal's third Northern Ireland international. Has been with the club many years, but only a regular first team player for the last six. Like Rice, Nelson leaves to join in the attack.

Willie Young — Like Jennings, was discarded by Spurs but has gone on to be a constant and vital player with Arsenal. His ability in the air is great, although he looks cumbersome at times. Has represented Scotland and was given a life ban after an incident in Denmark.

David O'Leary — Came through Arsenal's youth set-up and has developed into a classy defender. The tall Eire international is a confident sweeper, and will improve even more.

Liam Brady — The general of the Arsenal team. His cutlery left foot can split open a defence, and he has remarkable authority for a relatively young player. Has represented Eire many times and will be closely marked by Manchester.

Brian Talbot — Won an F.A. Cup winner's medal with Ipswich last season before transferring to Arsenal. His work rate is incredible and he can be a driving force in midfield.

David Price — An Arsenal youth graduate who has slowly made a name for himself. He plays in midfield, and attacks from there.

Steve Gattling — Still a teenager but was called into action when Brady was injured. Played in the F.A. Cup semi-final because Brady was out and was impressive. He could hold his place if Brady isn't fit in time.

Alan Sunderland — Came from Wolves and is an explosive player. He plays alongside Frank Stapleton on the forward line and is an elusive player. Has a tremendous shot, and will do the unexpected.

Brian Rix — A left-sided midfielder or forward who has been in and out of the Arsenal team. A fast, skilful player with ability to beat men inside a yard.

Frank Stapleton — Served an apprenticeship alongside Malcolm Macdonald, but has now taken over Macdonald's role as the number one striker. Macdonald is injured but Stapleton has made up for his absence. A tall player, he is dangerous in the air and sharp around the penalty area.

Sexton has two selection decisions to make. In midfield he has Sammy McLroy, Lou Macari and Brian Greenhoff battling for two places, and upfront has the choice of Andy Ritchie and Joe Jordan for a striker's role.

The decision on Ritchie and Jordan is vital. If Jordan is included, Utd's style includes far more high balls to make the most of Jordan's strength in this department.

If Ritchie gets the nod, Utd will be playing early balls to the feet of Ritchie and Jimmy Greenhoff, two front men deadly on the turn.

If Jordan plays, his battle with Willie Young will be gruelling and have a big bearing on the match. Both Scotsmen are giants.

Arsenal hopes Brady is fit, and that he can escape any plan Utd has of stopping him. Also, Arsenal was caught last season when Ipswich played it tight on full backs Nelson and Rice, preventing them from attacking and taking a lot of sting out of Arsenal.

Record — Arsenal has appeared in eight finals for four victories. Manchester Utd has won the cup three times from six appearances.

• The live telecast will start at 11.30 pm.

Giants to grapple, Cruyff to Cosmos

From JIM COOK

Real Madrid is putting up the Bernabeu Trophy in honour of its late president for a four-club super-league tournament with fixtures to be played between August and December. Other than Real, Bayern Munich, Ajax and Liverpool were invited to take part. These four have proved the kings of Europe by winning the European Cup 14 times between them. Liverpool has declined in Europe due to commitments and now Manchester United may take over.

• • • The four Welsh clubs, Cardiff City, Swansea City, Wrexham and Newport County are considering entry into the UEFA Cup. Wales, apart from Lichtenstein, is the only European soccer nation not represented in the competition.

• • • Peter Bonetti, 37, recalled to the relegated Chelsea side hopes to chalk up his 600 appearances for the Pensioners before quitting at the end of the season. Bonetti was playing for Chelsea before some of his present team-mates were born.

• • • Johan Cruyff has reached agreement for a one-year contract with New York Cosmos, according to a report from Amsterdam. The report said the price was lower than the four million dollars Cruyff had been offered for two years.

• • • Soccer could disappear from British TV screens altogether next season unless agreement is reached between BBC and ITV and the Football League. The media have offered a 10 million pounds deal for four years, whereas the Football League wants a two-year deal at 2.5 million pounds a year. Clubs will vote on the issue at the League AGM this summer.

• • • Hennessy Weisweiler, the Cologne F.C. manager, is the highest paid boss in West German soccer at 60,000 pounds a year.

• • • Motherwell, managed by the infamous Ally McLeod and relegated from the Scottish Premier League, will keep its players on a full-time basis in the First Division even though it means incurring a six-figure loss.

• • • Argentine club Talleres of Cordoba has bought the unsettled Alberto Tarantini from Birmingham for about 250,000 pounds — about the same price as Birmingham paid for him last October.

Derby County is interested in Atik Ismail, the 23-year-old Finnish striker born in Helsinki of Turkish parents, top scorer for HJK and the man who scored the winning goal in Finland's 2-1 European championship win over Hungary.

• • • Bob Houghton, the 32-year-old Englishman who as manager has taken Swedish club Malmoe to the European Cup final against Nottingham Forest, has been five years with the club which in that time has won the Swedish league and cup three times. Houghton, who was a little-known player with Fulham and Brighton, was youth coach at Ipswich Town, had a short term with non-league Maidstone and a 12-month spell in South Africa as a coach before going to Sweden. His five-year 125,000 pounds contract with Malmoe is finishing and he has been offered a new and more lucrative four year contract with the club as well as being offered the Swedish national coaching post.

Paderborn, then Wacker 04

From DICK BAER in West Berlin

New Zealand's national team will play against Hertha 03 in West Berlin on October 6. The game will be at Ernst Reuter Stadium.

• • • White Eagles of Hobart have requested games in West Germany and West Berlin. The Tasmanians will be in Europe in October. Hertha 03 Berlin has agreed to play against White Eagles at the end of October or the beginning of November.

• • • Wacker 04 of West Berlin will be in Australia in January, 1980. The club has its 75th anniversary, then and will celebrate the occasion with a round-the-world trip starting in December 1979. Wacker 04 wants to play in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Launceston. Star of Wacker 04 is the best player of Hali. Hircine who signed for the Berlin club after the World Cup 1974 in West Germany. Wacker's visit will follow that of FC Paderborn in July this year.

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Four of Arsenal's leading players, from top, left to right: Willie Young, Liam Brady, David O'Leary and Pat Rice.

Shoulder and Green showed way to attack

From Page one

Len McKendry is adamant that proper coaching by qualified, experienced coaches is paramount.

And while Australia lacks enough of such coaches, McKendry said England also has problems.

"Players like Steve Short (Essendon Croatia) Jamie Paton and John Yzendoorn (Slavia) shouldn't have been allowed to leave Britain," said Len. "They all played with professional clubs, but were mostly ignored."

"They weren't coached. That's all there is to it. They are good players, but hardly made the grade because nobody worked with them."

McKendry said Paton, a former Queen's Park (Scotland) midfielder/forward, could score goals in any class of soccer.

"John Yzendoorn was with Preston and Steve Short with Everton, but they were ignored."

McKendry's comments about ill-prepared coaches in Australia are sure to bring scorn from many sections. Many ridicule McKendry and his peers, saying: "They are coaching from books."

McKendry has come in for this type of criticism in the past but learned a valuable lesson in London some years ago.

McKendry was confronted by former Arsenal great Jimmy Logie, who jibed Len about his 'scientific' coaching.

"It's a load of rubbish," bawled Logie, "football's a simple game." McKendry accepted the challenge, and fired back before being stopped in his tracks by Carle Nastri, a friend and fellow F.A. coach.

"Don't argue with ignorant people," advised Nastri, "and Yzendoorn exists in English clubs. He suffered similar treatment, which was a main factor behind his involvement in coaching."

Nastri told McKendry just to smile and say: "Yep, you could be right."

Since that day, McKendry has used that one-liner whenever he's challenged about his coaching beliefs.

McKendry knows trouble experienced by Short and Yzendoorn exists in English clubs. He suffered similar treatment, which was a main factor behind his involvement in coaching.

Len began his career with Watford, the club of rock music superstar Elton John.

"I was at Watford in the days when clubs could afford to have up to 50 professionals because the wages were low," said Len. "That was bad for a start because you could go without a game for weeks."

At Watford, coaching consisted of constant taping of the ground, physical conditioning work, a five-a-side game followed by more running.

McKendry said his only advice from trainers was: "You'll get better as you get stronger."

"There was no guidance for young players," said Len, "and little or no coaching. Then when it came to a game, the coach would hand you the number four shirt and say, 'wing half Lenny, you know what to do.'"

"And of course, there were the older players in the reserve teams who would get you to do their running. After the game the coach would blast you for doing something the 'old pro' had advised."

McKendry later joined Chelsea but encountered the same situation.

"I played in Chelsea's reserve team with Bobby Tambling, Barry Bridges, Peter Bonnet and Terry Venables. They all went on to play for England but only through sheer luck. It wasn't because they were coached correctly."

Disillusioned with professional



Len McKendry — preparing Victoria for its clash with Norwich on May 20.



Famous English coach Malcolm Allison (right) clowns around with Muhammad Ali. Allison provided McKendry's early coaching inspiration.

Len. "Just listening to Malcolm talk about the game was enough to show there was."

McKendry retired from playing at 28 to concentrate on coaching. In the meantime he was self-employed in London.

McKendry started working towards his full F.A. coaching badge. Once again he came into contact with Allison, who gave him his original inspiration to get into coaching.

After two years of work, McKendry achieved his aim. Once again Allison had a large bearing on him.

"I had a few offers from clubs," said Len. "But Malcolm said it meant nothing that I'd passed the course. He told me to work with juniors, and learn to use the knowledge I had. But Malcolm never rammed anything down my throat."

Over the next few years, McKendry worked in a variety of soccer posts. He met Brian Green, later national coach of Australia, at the yearly summer meeting of F.A. coaches at Lilleshall.

"I was in Australia when Brian was national coach," said Len. "I did a lot of work with him but it was a great disappointment to see him leave."

"Green was the man responsible for releasing Australia from its defensive inclinations. I'm sure if he had stayed he could have completed the task. The players were behind him and he worked very hard to change the outlook of the national team."

"Australian teams before Green's time were excellent at defending and getting behind the ball, but Brian wanted a team that would attack and get the ball and players past the opposition."

McKendry said Jimmy Shoulder continued in this vein.

"It's all about possession of the ball and keeping possession when going forward," he said.

Len worked closely with shoulder and is a friend. But McKendry admits Shoulder lacked experience as a team coach.

"But Jimmy did try to develop an attacking national team," said Len. "It's easy to defend, but much harder to get players forward to support and have penetration in attack."

New national coach Rudi Gutendorf breaks out of the Green-

Shoulder mould. Brian and Jim were involved in the Rothmans Coaching Scheme, headed by Eric Worthington.

Gutendorf hasn't identified with the coaching scheme.

"It doesn't matter where you go in the world, soccer is two goals, a ball and 22 players," said Len. "The problems are the same everywhere."

In turn, proven principles exist that have been tried and tested all over the world. People reject the ideas but can they show me a better way of coaching?"

"The English and German coaching schemes are similar. There's no such thing as the F.A. course producing dyed-in-the-wool English coaches, and likewise for the Germans."

"The principles are there for personal interpretation by coaches. No coaching course instructs a coach to follow a method strictly."

"I've worked with and studied coaches like Rinus Michels, Hennes Weisweiler and Dettmar Cramer. I'm positive the principles I follow are correct."

For those who believe soccer is a simple game and just as easy to coach, watching a session of McKendry's would be eye-opening. Len has great ability and I'm not going only on the recent good performances by his State.

I worked under McKendry at a preliminary coaching course and like many others, was astounded by the complexity of real coaching, and by McKendry's knowledge of soccer.

Basically, McKendry's coaching revolves around the creation of realistic situations in training. Also, coaching to McKendry and his peers is about making a player better by showing the player, (demonstration) not by telling him (verbal instructions).

McKendry was relatively unknown before the success of the State team.

"For me, the State team fills the need for a source of reference. Later this year when I take coaching courses, I will refer to the way the State team approached the game against Wisla Krakow."

"In some areas of the field the players gave Wisla space and in other areas the players closed them up quickly."

"An example is the Wisla goalkeeper. We made him kick the ball on many occasions because we covered the players

he could throw to. By doing that it gave us a 50-50 chance of winning his kick."

"In other areas we backed off because the Wisla players have excellent ball skills and could beat the State players if they went to them."

McKendry defended his decision to include John Gardiner, the transfer-listed Essendon Croatia player.

"John is an excellent player," said Len, "and so I have him in the team. I refuse to talk about age because it's irrelevant."

"Too many people categorise because of age. If a player's under 23, then he's promising. Once over 27, the player is mature and experienced."

"But age has little to do with ability. Malcolm Allison introduced Tony Book to First Division soccer at Manchester City at the age of 29, and also had teenagers in his first team. It's ability, not age."

As you have noticed, little has been written about McKendry the person. There is a reason for this.

"I suppose I'm a private person," said Len. "After talking soccer all day I like to go home and do nothing. I won't even answer the door if I'm not expecting anyone."

"My job is highly-motivating. In that I'm always trying to communicate to a group of people. It could be players, coaches or students at college, but it requires alertness."

"Sometimes I get exhausted because you can't afford to slacken off. So at the end of the day, I want to switch off and do nothing."

McKendry is unmarried and probably in his mid-thirties. He wouldn't tell me his age.

Coaching has become his life. He's been a full-time coach since coming to Australia three years ago and will probably stay in the profession.

Recently the F.A. contacted him with offers to do two jobs in the Middle East, doing development work.

His contract with the Victorian Soccer Federation runs until the end of 1980.

As for the Middle East, McKendry said with a laugh: "I'm not ready for the desert!"

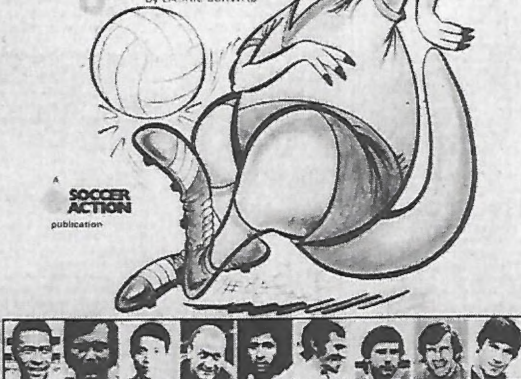
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FAREWELL TO MANSON



A Presentation dinner was given last week for the retiring Victorian Junior Leagues chairman Mr. Vic Manson, by his colleagues

of the Junior League Management Committee.

Mr. Manson (sixth from left) and his wife Anne (his right) are moving to Queensland.

SUNSHINE CITY 1 PRAHRAN SLAVIA 0

By DALE WOOD

Ground: Chaplin Res.
Crowd: 200
Weather: Overcast, windy
Referee: A. Beazleigh 8.5
Cautions: Dixey 41st (Sun),
Brindle 74th (S) sent off
Scorer: Frank Russell 82nd
SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke 8,
Dixey 7, Morovic 8, Lowe 7.5,
Ellis 9, Musall 8, Howe 6.5,
R. Nelson 7, Paisley 25th Int.
(Gilmour 7), Laing 7.5, D.
Nelson 8.5.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA:
McPherson 7, Thomson 7,
Yzendoorn 7.5, Westley 7,
Brindle (sent off) 6.5, Train 8,
Whitfield 6.5, Monaghan 7,
Williams 8, Paton 5.5, Aldridge 7.

In an even game, the sending off of Slavia's Billy Brindle allowed Sunshine to capitalize and emerge victorious over fourth-placed Slavia.

Both teams took several minutes to settle down and play attractive soccer. Slavia, looking the more creative was to create first danger. Peter Clarke, playing in goal for Sunshine and making his first appearance against his old club, was forced to save at the feet of Jim Williams early in the game.

Sunshine was forced to defend for the first ten minutes, but soon after, Hugh Howe won a tackle in midfield, found Dave Nelson, who beat his opponent then laid the ball off for Will Laing to drive low and hard into the side netting. For the first time Sunshine let Slavia know that it was also in the game. In the 20th minute Sunshine conceded a corner. John Yzendoorn sent the kick to the far post. A scramble saw referee Tony Beazleigh turn down an excited Slavia appeal for what appeared to be a definite hand ball by Rob Nelson inside the area.

Playing above Sunshine, Slavia continued to apply the pressure. Yzendoorn, wide on the right touch-line, cut inside his opponent and drove the ball toward the far post searching for Jamie Paton, but Clarke saved well, holding the ball cleanly in the west conditions.

Slavia played wide through Yzendoorn and Williams on alternative touch-lines, crossing far post balls in the attempt to find either Paton or Steve Aldridge. Whereas Sunshine played straight up the middle, but lacked patience in and around the penalty area.

In one of Paton's rare moments on the ball, due to brilliant marking by Steve Ellis, he beat three opponents in the area, rounded Clarke, but in desperation overran the ball to allow a Nick Lowe clearance. Minutes later Lowe again cleared, but only as far as

Brian Monaghan who, with his 20 yard half-volley brought out yet another fine save from the diving Clarke.

Slavia again called upon Clarke in the 38th minute when Aldridge put Yzendoorn through with only the keeper to beat. Yzendoorn's parting shot was superb but not good enough to beat back-in-form Clarke. This was perhaps Slavia's best chance of scoring.

Sunshine contained Slavia until the interval. Mike Dixey received the yellow card for kicking the ball away after a controversial decision went against him.

Jim Train, Williams and Yzendoorn impressed for Slavia while among the best for Sunshine were Dave Nelson, Dennis Morovic, Clarke and Ellis.

Slavia, relaxing after the break, found themselves under constant pressure from the revived Sunshine team. Hugh Howe nodded down for Frank Russell to shoot from six yards. The shot beat Alex McPherson but Jim Train was there to clear off the line.

Moments later Yzendoorn's low drive across the goal line had the sliding Dixey conceding a corner before Williams could get a look in.

Jamie Paton was taken out of the game by the outstanding performance of Steve Ellis. He was so good that a PSL club official at the game to observe commented before leaving: "I came to watch Paton but I think I'll buy Steve Ellis."

This tall, young centre-half won everything in the air, and didn't give Paton an inch.

Will Laing, Dave Nelson and Stuart Gilmour, who replaced the injured Mike Paisley, in the 25th minute, continually harassed the Slavia defence. But when Williams and Aldridge combined together with assistance from Billy Brindle, Slavia also looked dangerous.

The game completely turned in favour of the home team in the 74th minute when referee Beazleigh showed no hesitation in giving Brindle red-card marching orders for kicking wildly at the legs of Russell after a frustrating passage of play. Slavia now with only ten men was over-powered by the renowned "fighting spirit" of Sunshine.

Fortune told for Sunshine in the 82nd minute. One of Rob Nelson's enterprising long balls found Russell in a one-on-one situation about 20 yards from goal. Constructive talking let Russell know that the keeper was well off his line. After measuring up the situation, he cleverly turned the lobbed over the retreating McPherson to put Sunshine on the road to victory.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

— with Kyle Patterson

Peters' debut on Sunday

Victorian club Frankston City hopes to bring some of the color of American soccer and the tradition of British football to its Centenary Park ground this Sunday.

The reason? Martin Peters will be making his first appearance for Frankston.

Most followers of British soccer know Peters as one of the all-time greats. He has been at the top of English soccer since he burst into the West Ham team in the mid-1960s.

Peters was a key figure in England's 1966 World Cup victory and also played in the unsuccessful bid to retain the trophy four years later in Mexico.

At club level, Peters was the young star at West Ham before transferring for 200,000 pounds to Spurs. He captained Spurs for many years before leaving for Norwich City.

In Norwich, Peters has shown he is still a class footballer, even though in the twilight of his career.

The Peters legend supplies the tradition of British soccer. In promotion of Peters visit, Frankston has used many ideas and gimmicks associated with American soccer.

Firstly, 10,000 pamphlets have been distributed in the Frankston peninsula area to give publicity to Peters visit.

All children under 16 years of age will be admitted free to Frankston's home games involving Peters.

Clubs in the Frankston peninsula area were given four free tickets to the games involving Peters. The clubs include Dandenong, Doveton, Chelsea, Frankston Pines, Baxter Juniors and Peninsula Juniors.

On match day, soccer balls autographed by Peters will be given away to youngsters at the ground. Two local junior teams will play at half time of the Frankston v Croeydon senior match.

A pipe band will play before the senior match.

Frankston's efforts have been well-planned and made possible only by the sponsors approached by the club. They include Frankston Chrysler, Singapore Airlines, Dandenong Tourist Bureau, Abnave Pty. Ltd. and the Easter Suburbs Permanent

Building Society, which is Frankston city's major sponsor.

Frankston secretary Les Smith said the success of the promotion will tell if soccer has a future on the peninsula.

"If we can't draw some interest from the locals with Peters' visit," he said, "then I doubt we ever will."

"This is probably the biggest promotion taken on by a State League club, and if it doesn't pay off, then we may as well go amateur."

Certainly, if Peters' visit is a flop, and that will be judged entirely on the number of people attracted to Frankston's games, it would be pointless to persevere with such ambitious plans in the future.

But at this stage, everything points to a bumper crowd at Centenary Park this Sunday.

Frankston is unbeaten and at the top of the league at present. As well as Peters, Frankston has two other "new" players who will create a lot of interest.

Winger Bruce Young, from Peters' club Norwich, and Tony Young, a former Manchester Utd. midfielder/defender, are starting to show good form in the Frankston team.



Martin Peters — he'll play his first game for Frankston on Sunday.

Frankston coach Freddy Bunce has the unfortunate problem of

having to drop a player from his winning team.

"I'm going to talk to Martin this week and see if he's been playing in midfield or up front," said Bunce. "That will decide what changes will have to be made."

Whatever changes are made, Frankston's team should keep the ball rolling with a win over Croeydon.

Croeydon is going through a rough patch, and the confident Frankston, boosted by the presence of Peters, should win.

In another important clash, Ampol Cup finalists Green Gully Ajax and Prahran Slavia meet at the Showgrounds on Sunday.

Slavia suffered a shock defeat at the hands of the fast-improving Sunshine City, but should bounce back against Green Gully.

Slavia wants revenge for its Ampol Cup final defeat, and needs two points to stay on course for a championship challenge.

Billy Brindle will be out suspended, but Slavia has the guns in Jamie Paton, Steve Aldridge, Jim Williams and Brian Monaghan to down Green Gully.

Bill Vojtek's boys have a shocking home record, conceding eight goals in three games at Green Gully Reserve. In addition, Ajax hasn't scored at home.

Playing at the Showgrounds may help Ajax, which is undefeated away from home.

However, Vojtek, Dave Perkins and Andy Segl will be called on to do more in attack because Steve Carr may be missing through suspension.

Slavia should take out both points.

Struggling Juventus will get no mercy from Essendon Croatia, which has forwards Carl Gilder, Tommy Cumming and Ken Murphy in top form.

Juventus has hit a slump, and has problems in defence, which will spell disaster against the sharp Croatia forwards.

The match at Olympic Park on Sunday should see a comfortable win for Croatia.

Preston Makedonia is at home

to Sunshine City on Sunday, and can approach the game with confidence.

Makedonia has a 100% record at B. T. Conner Reserve, going three games for three victories.

George McMillan may return after injury, and will be a threat to Sunshine along with Gary Ward and Robert Cullen.

But Sunshine can't be underestimated. The fighting qualities in the team get it through tight matches, and in Dave Nelson, Sunshine has one of the best forwards in the league.

However, Makedonia will scrape home in what will be a tough match.

On Saturday, lowly Albion Rovers is at home to Altona City. Albion defeated Croatia at Selwyn Park in the opening round, but has struggled home and away since then.

Altona has lost its last two against Makedonia and Croatia, but has a strong combination.

Harry Hird has settled well into the back four, and Billy Whyte is doing great things in midfield. Up front Bob Taylor and Robin Craw are dangerous.

Albion has goalkeeper Bill Johnson in fine form, but this may not be enough to stop Altona, which should get back on the winning track.

George Cross plays Hakoah at Olympic Park on Saturday in what will be a tight match. Hakoah is in a bad patch, while George Cross is on the way up.

However, a draw is the likely result.

STATE LEAGUE ROUND 6: Saturday, May 12: Albion v Altona at Selwyn Park, Sunshine, George Cross v Hakoah at Olympic Park.

Sunday, May 13: Slavia v Green Gully at the Showgrounds, Preston Makedonia v Sunshine City at B. T. Conner Reserve, Frankston City v Croeydon City at Centenary Park, Frankston, Essendon Croatia v Juventus at Olympic Park. — KYLE PATTERSON.

GILDER TOPS

This week's votes in the 'Soccer Action' State League Player of the Year.

CROYDON v GEORGE CROSS
3 Pongho (Croy)
2 Wilson (Gee)
1 Cowan (Gee)

ALTONA v CROATIA
Short (Cro)
2 Kokosa (Cro)
1 Murray (Alt)

HAKOAH v ALBION
3 Leh (Hak)
2 Johnson (Alb)
1 Blair (Hak)

JUVENTUS v MAKEDONIA
3 Cullen (Mak)
2 Targuinio (Juve)
1 Beech (Mak)

GREEN GULLY v FRANKSTON
3 Mitten (Franks)
2 Bennie (Green Gully)
1 G. Bannan (Franks)

SUNSHINE v SLAVIA
3 Ellis (Sun)
2 D. Nelson (Sun)
1 Williams (Slav)

Progressive voting —
8 Whyte (Altona), Gilder (Cro)
7 Aldridge (Slav), D. Nelson (Sun)

6 Klarin (Green), Cullen (Mak), Ellis (Sun)
5 Murphy (Cro), Hooper (Geo Cross), Leh (Hak)

4 Short (Cro), G. Bannan (Franks), Swinscoe (Franks), Williams (Slav), Faulkner (Mak), Ward (Mak)

3 Nisbet (Albion), Blair (Albion), Taylor (Altona), Brogan (Croy), Adams (Franks), T. Young (Franks), French (Hak), Symington (Juve), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Targuinio (Juve), Brindle (Slav), Beech (Mak)

Leading goalscorers —
8 Gilder (Cro)
5 Swinscoe (Franks)
4 Murphy (Mak), Mitten (Franks), Paton (Slav), Ward (Mak), D. Nelson (Sun)

3 Lewis (Alt), Leh (Hak)

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8. Agnoletti (Bullfinch).
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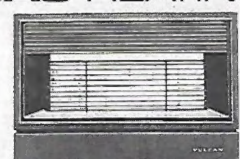
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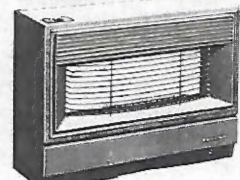


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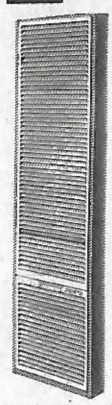
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This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

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This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

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